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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Fairfax Families.

Fairfax, Dec. 10.—The extremely cold weather that has prevailed recently has not dampened the enthusiasm of our ladies who go ahead in good works. A beautiful doll (which was tastefully and elegantly dressed by Mrs. Elizabeth Lane) is exhibited in Mrs. Mary Wilson's millinery and a guessing contest is on hand. The proceeds from the doll sale will go toward fencing, etc., of the Baptist parsonage. The same ladies too have arranged a bazaar to come off on the 15th. Then later there will be a general Christmas tree for all of the Sunday-schools at the school house. This of course keeps us all very busy, but we are at present saturated with zeal in good causes.

Mrs. Barton Nettles, of Savannah, spent some time with Mrs. Julia Sanders recently.

Mrs. Mamie Rentz is visiting her sister, Miss Ollie Rhode, at Branchville.

Mrs. Timmons has just returned from Augusta, where she purchased dolls, etc., for the bazaar.

Mr. G. D. Sander visited his place at Orange Lake, Fla., recently.

On 4th December Mr. Allen Harter, of Fairfax, was happily married to Miss Ida DeWitt, of Hampton. We wish them unalloyed happiness.

Colored folks are working a little better now than months ago—wanting a "little something for Christmas."

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Friedheim, of Columbia, and Messrs. H. Hines and Pittman, of Florence, are frequent visitors to that popular hostelry, the Rantz Hotel, where they feel quite at home.

Miss Zoe Zeigler, one of our teachers, has just returned from a visit to her friend, Mrs. J. L. Friedheim, of Columbia.

Our teachers saw "Ben Hur" acted in Savannah; Mr. and Mrs. Talley witnessed it in Columbia, and Mr. Geo. Sanders in Jacksonville.

A Tin Shower.

Ehrhardt, Dec. 12.—Last Thursday afternoon Miss Sadie I. Bickie honored the bride-to-be, Miss Florrie Bishop, whose marriage occurs Sunday, December 11th, to Mr. Bellinger Folk, with a tin shower.

The hall and parlor on this occasion were beautifully decorated with bamboo and holly.

Miss Bickie received her guests in a dainty flowered champagne mull, trimmed in dainty lace to match, made in princess effect.

After engaging in a contest game the prize was awarded for the most correct answers to Miss Bertie Bishop, who then presented it to the bride-to-be.

Then the bride was showered by Miss Sophia Copeland with the many useful articles which the guests brought. After music and delightful games were ended refreshments were served.

Then, after wishing the bride a long and happy life, we went home, all having had a jolly good time.

Queer Accident.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 11.—When a Louisville & Nashville passenger train out of Mobile struck a cow, near Kirkland, late Saturday afternoon, the results were as unusual and unexpected as they were fatal.

The cow was hurled to one side, striking a negro watching the train go by. The negro was knocked into a puddle of water and killed. In falling he struck a dog which was also playing the part of innocent bystander, and the life of the canine was snuffed out, too.

Held Records for Eccentricity.

St. Louis, Dec. 12.—John Morrison-Fuller, formerly a banker in Glasgow, Mo., died here to-day from a fractured skull which he received by falling on ice last week. He was a man of wealth. He took his wife's name when he married.

When his home town voted for local option, Morrison-Fuller opened up a free drinking place and in one year gave away \$7,000 in drinks to his friends. He established a bank in Glasgow so he would have a place to loaf, as he thought the bank then in existence objected to his loafing there.

Some years ago when he disagreed with the opinions of the editor of a paper already established, he began publishing a newspaper of his own.

VICTIM ANDERSON CARPENTER.

Man Killed in Columbia Left Home Two Weeks Ago.

Anderson, Dec. 11.—W. David Scroggins, the carpenter who was killed by a street car in Columbia early this morning, left his home in Anderson about two weeks ago and the telegram received this morning, telling of his death was the first intelligence the family had of his whereabouts. He left here for Greenville, this county, to do some carpenter work, and it is supposed that he went from there to Columbia.

Scroggins was about 50 years old and was a splendid workman. He was a heavy drinker and this probably accounts for the stupor, in which condition he was across the car track. The deceased is survived by his widow and four daughters, who are left in rather destitute circumstances. The body will be brought to Anderson for burial.

Possibly Robbery Motive.

Columbia, Dec. 11.—Local detectives were of the opinion that robbery may have been a motive in a possible injury to W. D. Scroggins, the man who was last night killed by the street car. That his pocket-book was found some distance away is given as the basis. He may have then staggered across the track, where he lay before he was killed. The body of the dead man was today forwarded to Anderson.

Shot from Ambush.

Fort Mill, S. C., Dec. 12.—F. Nevin, a prominent merchant, operating a general merchandise establishment two miles from this place, was shot from ambush about 6 o'clock this afternoon, dying almost instantly. No clue as to the perpetrator is obtainable to-night as the dead man made no ante-mortem statement.

About a year ago, Nevin was attacked in a similar manner while entering his store. On that occasion he was quite seriously injured. A negro was arrested soon afterward charged with the crime, but was acquitted by a jury.

While Nevin was in attendance upon the trial of the negro, his store was burned. A new building was erected on the same site and it was while entering this place that he was killed to-night.

"Not Guilty" Verdict.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 12.—In the federal court at Greensboro, N. C., to-day, two men, Quaster and Napier, charged with violating the white slave law, were found not guilty by direction of Judge Boyd on the grounds that the law was unconstitutional, in that it interfered with the principles of State rights. This decision will have great effect on other cases of this nature to be tried in this State.

Propose Merger of Cotton Mills.

Charleston, Dec. 12.—A number of representatives of cotton mills in which Lewis W. Parker is interested held a conference to-day at the Commercial club building with a view of merging the properties under one management and forming a syndicate with a capital of \$10,000,000.

The plan was generally approved, it is said, but not actually determined upon and probably will not be for a time to come. It seemed to be the opinion of the mill people that merging of interests offered possibilities of increased profits, economy of operation and a generally improved condition of the industry.

The cotton mill people were not inclined to discuss the proposition in advance of the final action, yet to be taken on the matter.

Risked Life to Save Women.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 11.—To prevent crushing two women and a child, Fireman George Little drove two horses pulling a hose wagon into an iron pole, killing one of the animals instantly and narrowly escaped injury himself.

Company No. 2 was responding to an alarm of fire, which proved to be false, when one of the reins in Little's hands broke. With only one rein he could not manage the horses and they were dashing directly for two women and a child when he turned them into the post.

Reduced prices on every article in our store. We bought too heavy this fall, and the stock must be sold. Don't buy anything in fancy china, cut glass, or any kind of Christmas or wedding presents until you get our Money Saving prices. HERALD BOOK STORE.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Rev. Jno. F. Matheson, now of Washington, Ga., has accepted the call of the Presbyterian church at Union. He is a native of Cheraw, this State.

O. L. Schumpert, a prominent lawyer of Newberry, died last Saturday night. He had been solicitor and ran for governor several years ago. He held high rank as a lawyer, and often had held court as special judge.

The merger suit, brought by the State of South Carolina against the Southern Railway, is still being tried in the Richland court. The trial of the case consumed all of last week, and there is no intimation of when it will be concluded.

The Evening Piedmont, of Greenville, has gone into the hands of a receiver, L. A. Mills being appointed by Judge Prince. The paper was recently chartered with a capital of \$20,000. J. R. McGhee has resigned as editor and is succeeded by H. C. Booker.

South Carolina's increase in population is only 175,084, and is not quite sufficient to entitle the State to another congressman on the present basis of one representative to each 194,000 of the population. If re-apportionment shall be based on a larger number than heretofore, it is probable that South Carolina may lose a congressman.

State Bank Examiner Giles L. Wilson has tendered his resignation to Governor Ansel to take effect early in January. Mr. Wilson resigns to accept a position as national bank examiner, his territory to embrace Georgia, South Carolina and a portion of North Carolina. Mr. Wilson succeeded Examiner Holleman, of Anderson, in office about two years ago and has made one of the most efficient State officials, his ability attracting the attention of Comptroller of the Currency Murray. He was offered a position in his department some time ago, but did not reach a decision in the matter until within the last few days. The territory he will have is regarded as the very best in the South, taking in all the national banks of Atlanta and other Georgia cities.

Prizes for Corn.

At the corn exposition in Columbia last week, the following prizes were awarded to persons in the second congressional district:

Aiken County—Best 10 ears, any variety: First prize, \$10 cash, won by L. J. Burkhalter, Aiken; second prize, \$5 cash, won by Palmetto farm, Aiken.

Barnwell County—First prize, \$10 cash, won by W. T. Walker, Blackville; second prize, \$5 cash, won by H. J. Crouch, Elko.

Beaufort County—First prize, \$10 cash, won by J. W. Gray, Beaufort. Saluda County—First prize, \$10 cash, won by W. Y. Watkins, Leesville; second prize, \$5 cash, won by Henry King, Ridge Spring; third prize, \$3, won by Hallette White, Saluda; fourth prize, \$2, won by R. L. Merchant, Saluda.

Congressional District First—Best white corn, 10 ears: First prize, one pig, given by Taylor farm, Columbia, won by H. J. Crouch, Elko; second prize, one steel beam walking plow, given by Lynchburg Foundry company, Lynchburg, Va., won by Jacob Baxley, Blackville; third prize, 600 pounds Palmetto fertilizer, given by Palmetto Fertilizer company, Columbia, won by W. H. Wooley, Elko.

Best single ear, any variety: One thousand pounds of Palmetto fertilizer, given by Palmetto Fertilizer company, Columbia, won by W. T. Walker, Blackville.

Jailor Will Recover.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 11.—Irvin Kent, aged 22, a cotton mill operative, alleged to have been a member of the mob which last night stormed the Muscogee county jail to get Henry Taylor, a negro charged with having assaulted a young white woman last week, died to-day of wounds sustained in the attack.

Seven were arrested to-day. Jailor Phelps was seriously injured but will recover.

Jones Bros. have just received a car load of nice horses and mules. They are good ones, being selected in the West by Mr. W. P. Jones.

GIRL HANGS HERSELF.

Disappointment in a Love Affair is Thought to be Cause.

Lake City, Dec. 12.—Susie Gore, the 15-year-old daughter of Henry Gore, of Vineland, N. C., to-day between 10 and 12 o'clock deliberately took her own life by hanging herself. She went in the barn near the house of her cousin, where she had been staying for the past five months, placed a rope over the joist by standing on a barrel, then around her neck and jumped off the barrel. It is thought that she could have easily saved her own life even after she had jumped had she felt so inclined, as there was a wall near, to which she could have easily caught with her hands.

On the barrel she left a note, directed to her cousin, in which she gave instructions as to what disposition they should make of her body. She also mentioned the name of the young man with whom she had been going recently and it is supposed that she had been disappointed in a love affair. There seems to have been no other possible reason for the rash act.

Her body will be sent to her home in North Carolina to-morrow for burial.

KILLED BY HIS STEPSON.

Was Preparing to Strike Boy's Mother When Shot.

Protecting his mother against an attack of her husband, Jim Chambers, colored, shot and instantly killed Cary Palmer, also colored, at their home which is situated on the farm of T. R. Trimmier, located on the Forest road about seven miles from the city.

The tragedy occurred Saturday night about 8 o'clock. It seems that Cary Palmer was engaged in a dispute with his wife, Emma Palmer, over the ownership of some cotton bills. Just as the dead man was on the point of striking his wife, her son entered, the room and was cursed by Palmer. At the time Palmer had a shotgun. He put this weapon aside, however, and went to the yard where he secured an axe. Returning to the house, the quarrel was resumed and the testimony in the inquest showed that Cary struck Chambers with the axe.

When hit with the axe, Jim immediately fired on Cary with the shotgun, the entire load taking effect in the face and head. He died instantly.

Coroner Turner was notified and went to the scene where an inquest was held yesterday morning. But one witness was sworn in the inquest. This was Emma Palmer, the wife of the dead man and the mother of his slayer. She was the only eye-witness to the affair. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased, Cary Palmer, came to his death from the effects of a gun shot wound, inflicted by Jim Chambers.

Chambers has been arrested and is in the county jail. He will probably be tried at the next term of criminal court.—Spartanburg Journal.

Corn Champions in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Jerry Moore got to Washington to-day to receive his prize. Jerry Moore, of Winona, Florence county, the champion boy corn grower of the world, you know. With him is Archie Odum, of Bennettsville, the other distinguished corn grower of South Carolina. And with these two are 11 other boys from all parts of the South, who won prizes in their respective States. They are guests of the department of agriculture and are in charge of O. B. Martin, of South Carolina, the corn contest man of the department. On Wednesday they will receive their prizes. To-morrow they will have their pictures taken. The other boys who already arrived are: Stephen Henry, Melrose, La.; Floyd Gayer, Ardmore, Okla.; Ina Smith, Silver, Ark.; Norman Covington, Tenn.; Maurice Ogles, Sullivan, Va.; Ernest Stearnes, Hickory, N. C.; Hughey Hardin, Banks, Ala.; John Williams, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and William Williams, Decatur, Miss.

There were over 4,000 contestants in the South. Jerry Moore wins the prize for all the South. The other boys win State prizes. The next highest record, to Jerry's 228 bushels to the acre is that of Maurice Ogles, of Virginia, who grew 168 bushels.

The boys are having a good time in the capital city. They say corn growing is all right.

See that new car load of horses and mules just arrived at Jones Bros. They also have a swell line of buggies and harness.

EDISTO PROJECT HALTED.

BOARD FAILS TO SEE WHY RIVER SHOULD BE OPENED.

An Appeal from the Decision is, However, Possible if Made in Three Weeks.

The board of engineers for rivers and harbors has acted unfavorably on the report of Capt. E. M. Adams, of the corps of engineers, recommending the improvement of the waterways between Orangeburg to Charleston with a view to providing a more direct route between the two cities than that afforded by existing channels. However, all interested parties have the privilege of appeal from this conclusion to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors for another hearing of the matter, provided the appeal is made within the next three weeks.

It will be remembered that the plan to improve the Edisto River created much interest at both ends of the line. The business men of both Charleston and Orangeburg subscribed for the establishment of a boat line provided the government cleared the streams and made them navigable. Capt. Adams, Congressman Lever and others interested made several trips of inspection along the Edisto. Capt. Adams recommended the improvement of the waterway, but the board of engineers for rivers and harbors was not convinced of the advisability of the undertaking. The following circular letter sent out from the United States engineer's office to those interested thoroughly explains the situation:

"War Department, United States Engineer's office, Custom House, Charleston, S. C., Dec. 13, 1910.

"It having come to the notice of the undersigned that you have expressed an interest in the pending proposition for the improvement of waterways from Orangeburg to Charleston, including cut-off or canal from Edisto River to Ashley River with a view to providing a more direct route between said cities than that afforded by existing channels, you are hereby informed that the preliminary examination of the locality named, with a view to certain improvements therein, authorized by the Act of Congress, approved June 25, 1910, has been made, and that the report submitted by this office recommends survey with a view to obtaining final and conclusive information.

"You are further informed that the board of engineers for rivers and harbors is not convinced of the advisability of improvement, or of the necessity of a survey; some of the reasons which prompt this view being:

"(a) The probable cost of the canal project obviously out of reasonable proportion with the resulting benefits.

"(b) The route of the existing waterway is in many places narrow, tortuous and obstructed, requiring a great amount of work to fit it for a practicable and useful navigation.

"(c) There is but little commerce originating on this route, except at Orangeburg, there being practically none between that city and Charleston.

"(d) Neither the present nor prospective commerce would be sufficient to justify the improvement.

"You are further notified that all interested parties have the privilege of an appeal from this conclusion to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C., to which an examination and survey reports of this character are referred. Parties desiring to do so may be heard on appeal by the board, either orally or in writing. Written communications should be addressed to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Rooms 507-510, Colorado Building, Washington, D. C., and should be mailed in time to be in the possession of said board within three weeks from the date of this communication. If oral hearings are desired, dates for the same may be arranged for by correspondence with the board.

"You are requested to communicate the foregoing to any persons known by you to be interested in the improvement and who, not being known to this office, do not receive a copy of this communication.

E. M. ANDREWS,

Captain Corps of Engineers.

We learn that Dr. H. Manning Brabham and family will soon move to Louisiana, the Doctor having accepted a position in that State as physician for a large corporation. While the position is a flattering one, their many friends will regret to have them leave this county.

MUNICIPAL TROUBLES.

Mayor Dukes and the Aldermen Board Clashes.

A very harmless looking little matter produced quite a storm at the meeting of the Orangeburg city council last Friday night, during which Mayor Dukes put the aldermen on notice that if they did a certain thing he would resign his office. After a little deliberation, the aldermen did exactly what the mayor did not want them to do, which was returning a bail bond of \$20, which had been forfeited by a colored woman, who, it is claimed, bears an unsavory reputation. The Evening News, of that city gives the following account of the affair:

"Under the head of police committee, came a report which brought forth some heated remarks. Chairman Weeks said that he had been approached by Judge Brunson who stated that one of his houses had been broken into by some of the policemen on last Saturday night, and the house damaged, and that one Alice Harrison, had been unjustly arrested, and her bail of \$20 had been forfeited.

"It was also stated that the woman had been beaten, and Mr. Weeks stated that he had investigated the case, and that upon the testimony of the officer, who made the arrest, there was no disturbance at this house at all. He said that he had gone to the place, and from neighbors, both white and black, he had been unable to find anyone who could say that they had heard any disturbance until the officers arrived.

"It was stated that the woman bore a bad name, but upon this particular occasion, there was no call for an arrest, as the house was in quiet, until the officers arrived. On this ground, Alderman Weeks, made a motion to refund the \$20, which was seconded by Alderman Lathrop. A yeas and may vote was called for, which resulted in Alderman Weeks, Lathrop, Wanamaker and Bryan voting yeas and Alderman Jennings refusing to vote at all.

"Mayor Dukes was greatly incensed over this action of council, and said that if such action was taken by council he would resign. He at first refused to put the motion, but Alderman Lathrop demanded that he put the motion, after which he did. Mayor Dukes seemed very indignant over the matter, and some heated words passed round the table, and at the close of the meeting Mayor Dukes still announced his intention of resigning, and requested Solicitor Glaze to look up the law in regard to filling the vacancy now created on council to take some action on the matter as he had investigated the matter himself, and that in his opinion, the arrest was an unjust one, and uncalled for, and that he knew for a certainty that if the money was not refunded that the city would have a law suit on its hands, which would involve a considerable amount, and which would put the city to considerable trouble, and which in all probability the city would lose.

"During the discussion over the refunding of this bail money, Alderman Lathrop said it was incumbent on council to take some action on the matter as he had investigated the matter himself, and that in his opinion, the arrest was an unjust one, and uncalled for, and that he knew for a certainty that if the money was not refunded that the city would have a law suit on its hands, which would involve a considerable amount, and which would put the city to considerable trouble, and which in all probability the city would lose.

"A Good Man Gone.

Last Thursday night a little after dark, Mr. A. H. Simmons, one of the most respected citizens of this community, suddenly at his home near town. Mr. Simmons had not been in good health for several months, but recently he was up and out and was hoped by his many friends that he was improving. He was in town only a few days before his death, seemingly in good health and spirits. But he suffered with heart trouble which ended his life quickly. He was sitting in front of the fire chatting with his wife, when he fell forward and before anyone could be summoned he was dead.

The burial took place at the Simmons burying ground on Railroad Avenue last Friday afternoon. There was a large crowd present, showing the universal esteem in which Mr. Simmons was held. The services were conducted by Rev. O. J. Frier, pastor of the Bamberg Baptist church. The lodge of Knights of Pythias of this place also held their burial service at the grave, the deceased being a charter member of Bamberg lodge.

Mr. Simmons was about sixty-five years old. He was a member of the Baptist church. He leaves a widow, his second wife, and several children by his first marriage, among whom are: Messrs. O. A. W. and T. Simmons, Mrs. S. A. Hand, and Mrs. C. F. Ellzey. He was a fine citizen and will be greatly missed.